

January 30, 2003

Robert Smith, Chief
Water Management Bureau
Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
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Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Mr. Smith:

On August 12, 2002, we approved the final **Total Maximum Daily Load Analysis for Limekiln Brook, Danbury, Connecticut** for copper, zinc, and chlorine. We are now approving Connecticut's final TMDL for ammonia in Limekiln Brook, Danbury, Connecticut, received by EPA New England on June 12, 2002. Approval of the ammonia TMDL for Limekiln Brook is effective immediately. As we noted in our August 12th letter, approval of the TMDL for ammonia in Limekiln Brook had to wait for EPA's approval of Connecticut's new ammonia criteria. EPA approved the new ammonia criteria on December 17, 2002.

The TMDL is consistent with the requirements of §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), and EPA's implementing regulations (40 CFR Part 130). The final submittal includes all the required elements of a TMDL: loading capacity, load allocations, waste load allocations, margin of safety, seasonal variation, and public participation process. Consistent with EPA policies, the TMDL also includes an implementation plan addressing the primary source contributing to the impairment. In addition, Connecticut DEP has provided reasonable assurances that the necessary controls will be implemented in a timely manner. Please refer to the approval document which accompanied our letter of August 12, 2002, for further details.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this approval, please contact Steven Winnett of my staff at (617) 918-1687. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Murphy, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection